

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee - August 15, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Stamsta.

Present: Chair Duane Stamsta, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings, Keith Harenda, Mareth Kipp, Joseph LaPorte, William Mitchell, David Swan

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Sheriff Dan Trawicki, Inspector Bob Johannik, Deputy Inspector Steve Marks, Business Mgr. Tom Koth, District Attorney Paul Bucher, Victim/Witness Coordinator Jen Miller, Office Services Coordinator Dani Danielski, Senior Financial Analyst Mike Baniel

Approve Minutes of: August 1, 2003

Motion: LaPorte moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 8/1/03. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Correspondence

Stamsta reviewed the following items:

1. Monthly Activity Report of August 2003 for the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC).
2. Letter from Andrews Phillips, Esq. of Prentice-Phillips to Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf of WCA regarding liability for funding appointment of counsel for indigents.
3. E-mail from Captain Meg Schnabl regarding information requested at the last committee meeting. Currently there are 49 Huber inmates working 2nd shift, and information is not available regarding Pewaukee municipal commitments by charge.
4. Esler stated that all county board supervisors receive the correspondence list that is distributed at each Executive Committee meeting, which entails letters, memos, etc. sent to Chairman Dwyer.

Executive Committee Report

Stamsta reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on August 4, 2003.

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

Cummings commented on the NACo Conference in July relative to sessions she attended. Kipp said one of the things that the CJCC Program and Alternatives Committee will be doing is mapping the mental health system.

Esler updated the committee on the status of the Communications Center. The Public Works Committee went on a tour yesterday of the facility. The walls are up and the roof is going on. The basic block construction and flooring is completed. The building will be closed in within two weeks. Cerreta and Bolte also gave a report on the jail project. The construction manager estimates that the value engineering items identified might be about \$2.4+ million in reductions. From the programmatic standpoint, the reductions include only doing 1 of the 4 negative pressure cells (leave 3 framed in), only 1,000 of the 4,000 square feet of program space will be finished, and other minor adjustments. What they've identified but at this point are not going to cut is a better-distributed video visitation system. No matter where an inmate is in the jail, the video visitor could go to any of the video visitation booths as opposed to a hard wiring system which corresponds to a specified booth in the visitation area. This involves \$350,000. Also, if the area identified for the firing range

is not excavated, it would save \$200,000. It is a possible cut but not being considered at this time. To Mitchell's question about the mechanicals, Esler stated they are considering a potential reduction in the capability of the HVAC. The third item to be cut is rehab in the existing Justice Addition and the installation of additional locker capacity. This is basically a remodeling job to add more lockers in the correctional officers' area. These lockers are necessary but not needed immediately and not until the jail is fully built out.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-056 Amend Sheriff's Department 2003 Budget Expenditure of Donated Funds

Trawicki, Johannik, Marks, and Koth were present to explain the ordinance, which authorizes the Sheriff's Department to accept and spend a grant of \$10,400 from the Waukesha Kennel Club to acquire, train and equip a dog to replace a retired dog. The new dog would be trained to function in either a patrol or drug-detection role. Under the terms of an April 2000 settlement agreement, dog handlers are allowed 6.25 hours per week away from their other duties to care for their animals.

Motion: Kipp moved, second by Mitchell, to approve proposed ordinance 158-O-056. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-053 Grant of Authority for Local Municipalities and the Waukesha County Sheriff to Temporarily Suspend Parking Regulations on County Highways

Swan stated, as an example, the Okauchee Lions Days event, at times, needs additional parking and there's no parking along the road where the event is held. Stamsta was concerned as to who would pay for the bags that are put over the no parking signs. Kipp said she cannot support this because she doesn't agree with this type of parking which lends itself to unsafe conditions for children. Cummings said she likes this ordinance because it empowers the sheriff and every village, city and town police chief. Swan said the vote yesterday at the Public Works Committee meeting was 7 – 0 in favor, and he urged everyone to support the ordinance.

Motion: Swan moved, second by Cummings, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-053. **Motion carried 4 – 3; Kipp, Mitchell and Stamsta voting no.**

Six Month Budget Status Update for 2003 - Sheriff Department

A handout titled "Budget Status Report, Year-to-Date: June 30, 2003" was distributed for the committee's review. Trawicki stated the 6-month 2003 actual total expenditures were \$12,541,018, they estimate the total year 2003 estimate at \$25,364,764, and the 2003 modified budget is at \$26,269,663. He also reviewed personnel costs, overtime, operating expenses, interdepartmental charges and fixed assets. The bottom line is after estimating year-end expenditures, it is anticipated they will have approximately \$900,000 in savings in their 2003 budget, which is due primarily to vacancy and turnover and overtime.

Stamsta asked do you have a lot of positions open now? Trawicki said they have a lot of open deputy positions that they're in the process of filling and also one detective position. There are also 2 to 3 correctional officer positions open. Trawicki continued with a review of revenues. He stated the bottom line in this area is they've budgeted \$6,842,918 but expect \$6,500,000, which indicates a shortfall of \$300,000. Nevertheless, they anticipate being \$580,000 in the black at the end of year. Through vacancy and turnover and also careful management and fiscal responsibility, they are in fairly good shape.

Future Meeting Dates

Stamsta said the next meeting is scheduled for September 12 when capital projects will be reviewed. Budget meetings in October are scheduled for the 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Future Agenda Items by Committee Members

Kipp said she is very concerned with the cut in square footage for programming and the decrease of 4 isolation cells to 1 in the new jail. She would like this item agendaized and to receive information beforehand. Harenda said he would like to see a list of all of the changes detailed.

Legislative Update

Krahn stated that AB 61, which is the 9-1-1 bill, is on the governor's desk awaiting his signature. He has six days to act on it or it becomes law without his signature. Regarding the property tax freeze, everyone knows that the Governor's veto was not overridden by the Senate. Krahn went on to discuss AB 466, which is another version of the property tax freeze.

Six Month Budget Status Update for 2003 - District Attorney

Bucher, Miller, Danielski were present to discuss the District Attorney's six month budget update. Bucher stated they are pretty much on target for expenditures. Assuming that the rest of the year continues as planned, their department should end up okay without any major catastrophes that may or may not occur. Bucher stated the reimbursement rate for the Victim/Witness Program always fluctuates with the problem being that services are provided and then the State says how much will be reimbursed. Miller said the rate for the first half of 2003 was 62% while 65% was budgeted. Bucher stated this is a constant battle and should really be a State expense.

Kipp asked are you seeing an increase in any particular area? Bucher said there are increases in many areas. If the Governor does, in fact, remove three (3) Assistant DA positions from his office, Bucher said he will discontinue the Domestic Violence Program and Fast Track Program. He will have no choice. This is a 16% cut and would be effective as of July 1, 2003. If the County Executive cuts additional funds from Bucher's budget, Bucher said he will also have to discontinue additional services. In addition, the Information Technology budget has been cut \$3 million, which will cause significant problems in the future (2004).

Motion to adjourn: LaPorte moved, second by Swan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m.
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings,
Secretary

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